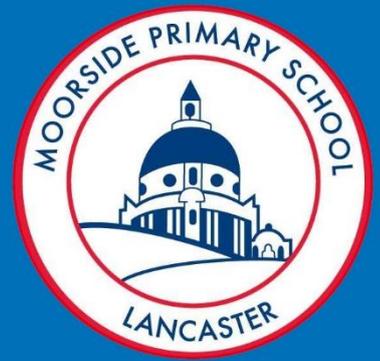


# Moorside Primary School

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## Home Learning Update (April)

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone out there is keeping well and managing to find a way of managing in the current crisis. It has been interesting and uplifting to see the various posts you have shared about what you are up to.

We have officially arrived at the end of the spring term, but school remains open to the children of key workers throughout the holidays. If your child is attending school over Easter, then they may come in their own clothes to help them recognise the difference between term-time and holidays. For all the parents with children at home, we suggest you take a break from home learning and start again on 20<sup>th</sup> April when the new term begins. **You** probably need a break more than your child!

### Parent / Teacher Phone calls

This week teachers have started phoning parents for the postponed parents' evening discussion as well as a wider conversation about the well-being of your family. If you need any additional support in the coming weeks, we have a designated email [wellbeing@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk) and a designated number 07765046132. Please don't use the Facebook messenger service as this is not routinely checked.

If you have not had a call yet, then your child's teacher will be in touch. Please be aware that if the call is on a mobile, then it might show as the school number or 'no caller ID'. If you do miss the call, please don't try and ring school. Teacher WILL try and call you again.

### See-Saw Home Learning Platform

If you have had a phone call from your child's teacher, then you should now have an access code for this online platform, which is already active for children in Y4 and will be available and in use after Easter for all other year groups. As I mentioned last week, teachers will post work on the site each week for the children to complete and upload and the teachers will try and respond. From trialling it this with Y4 this week, the teachers have found that it was helpful to spread the addition of work across the week as this stopped the children rushing the work in one go and led to work of better quality. As time goes by, we may need to adapt the way we are using it as we learn what works best.

If you have not accessed the See-Saw platform yet, a letter on our website gives full instruction on how to do this. Home learning packs are still available in school for children who have not collected them yet. There are still quite a lot of Y5 ones waiting.

### **Free School Meals**

If your child qualifies for free school meals, the school office have worked hard to ensure that the new voucher system is up and running. For those people who requested an e-code, you should receive it in time for the start of the new term. If you asked for school to print the voucher, this will be available to collect from 20<sup>th</sup> April. If you need further help, school can refer families to the foodbank.

### **Childcare for Key Workers**

If your child has not been using the childcare service so far, but you need care after the holidays, then please contact us through the email address:

[keyworker@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:keyworker@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk)

To qualify for the care:

- you must be a keyworker
- you must actually be at your place of work on the day you plan to use the service
- there must be no other responsible adult at home on the day you plan to use the service

If you have been using the service, then we will assume you are continuing in a similar pattern to the last few weeks.

### **After School Club**

During the Easter holidays, childcare is available at their Dallas Road site, for those families needing care from 8am to 6pm. After Easter, unfortunately they are temporarily suspending their provision of after school care. In normal times, they provide care for around 90 children each night. In recent weeks that has fallen to less than 10, resulting in a massive drop in income. They plan to resume their normal service when things return to normal. However, the **good news** for many families is that in September they plan to increase their provision to 100 places. This will help new Reception families most who have struggled to get places in recent years.

To support keyworker families at this present time, the school itself will temporarily take on the running of after school provision. I will shortly be contacting families who have been using the club in recent weeks to inform them of the new arrangements.

Wow, that seemed like a long letter – there is just such a lot of information to pass on these days. With every day seeming like every other at the moment, I do hope that you are able to find some small, but special ways of recognising the holidays with your family.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely

Roger Shone